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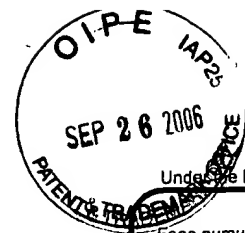
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In Re Application of:)	
)	Confirmation No. 5429
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)	Attorney Docket: CBC 2001-2
Serial No.: 09/809,678)	
)	Examiner: Jose V. Chen
Filed: March 14, 2001)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3637
For: DISPOSABLE/RECYCLABLE)	
PALLET AND METHOD)	

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer dated July 24, 2006. This Reply Brief is substantially the same as that filed by Appellants on August 1, 2003, in response to the Examiner's Answer dated June 10, 2003, which was returned undocketed to the Examiner.

With reference to Lawson, U.S. Patent No. 3,730,417 (Lawson '417), the Examiner states on page 5 of the Examiner's Answer, "In response to appellant's remarks that the spacers of Lawson are not adhered to either the inner container (46) or to a load inside the inner container (46) and therefore do not act as a 'base' for any load or product inside the inner container (46), note the following. The patent to Lawson at column 5, lines 9-33 state among other things, 'The inner container 46 has formed along their bottom thereof a plurality of flaps 54 and a

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plurality of bottom flaps 56 which are hingedly attached to the sides 48 and 50 by means of score lines 58.... The spacers 60 are fixedly attached by means of glue or some other suitable fastening means to the bottom flaps 54 and 56.” However, the Examiner took the quoted portions of Lawson ‘417 out of context and then prematurely ended the quote, thereby changing its intended meaning. In column 5, on lines 28-33, Lawson states as follows (emphasis added, with the portion of the quote deleted by the Examiner in bold type):

“The spacers 60 are fixedly attached by means of glue or some other suitable fastening means to the bottom flaps 54 and 56 **which form the bottom of the outer container 12 whenever said outer container is formed into the container shown in FIG. 2.**”

The following quotes from Lawson ‘417 clearly show that, as Appellants contend in their Appeal Brief, the spacers (60) are not fixedly attached to the inner container (46) and are instead fixedly attached only to the inside surface of the outer container (12):

“The **outer container has a plurality of spacers fixed to the bottom of the container....** Contained within the outer container and **resting on top of the plurality of spacers is an inner container....**” Lawson ‘417, Abstract (emphasis added).

“To the basic outer paperboard container is added **a plurality of spacers which are fixedly attached to the bottom of the outer container** in a spaced relationship.... Into this basic structure is inserted **an inner container having formed thereon a plurality of bottom flaps with the flaps being folded inwardly and positioned on top of the spacers....**” Lawson ‘417, column 2, lines 47-55 (emphasis added).

“**The spacers 60 are fixedly attached to the bottom of the outer container 12** in a spaced relationship to each other....” Lawson ‘417, column 5, lines 33-35 (emphasis added).

“In operation the combination pallet/container is formed at the job site by means of rapidly forming the outer container by means well known in the art, **placing therein the plurality of spacers and fixedly attaching them to the**

bottom of the outer container 12. Thereupon the inner container 46 is rapidly set up in the form shown in FIG. 2 and is inserted into the outer container 12 with its bottom flaps 54 and 56 being positioned on top of the spacers 60.” Lawson ‘417, column 5, lines 43-51 (emphasis added).

In view of the above, Appellants maintain that, as argued in Appellants’ Appeal Brief, the spacers (60) of Lawson ‘417 are not adhered to either the inner container (46) or to a load inside the inner container (46) and therefore do not act as a “base” for any load or product placed inside the inner container (46). Instead, it is clear that the spacers (60) of Lawson ‘417 are adhered only to the inner surface of the outer container (12) and therefore could not possibly be used as a “base” for either the inner container (46) or any product or load placed inside the inner container (46).

Respectfully submitted,

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